Alerts Monthly Status Report
June 1998

- Budget: The funding package for the additional $75K for DSDC was approved and obligated this month. The funds are needed to offset overruns caused by the five additional Phase I maintenance releases (first quarter FY98) and a higher than expected subcontract to ManTech.

- Incorporation of Alerts Functionality into the Standard Procurement System: The DCMC Alerts Program Manager was requested this month to provide functional requirements documentation for the purpose of transitioning Alerts to SPS. The following documents were provided: SSS, IRS, SDD, DDD, and FD. In addition, Kathy Jenkins and Sandra Lane, DCMDE Phase II Project Managers and Alerts requirements leads, attended a meeting held 23 – 25 June 98 at DCMC HQ to identify the "core" Alerts requirements for potential incorporation into SPS. "Core" requirements are described as the bare essentials for reporting potential/actual delays in delivery and receiving priority surveillance requests from Customers - no bells, no whistles, no extras. These core requirements were transmitted to the SPS Requirements Board for their evaluation, and will be sent to the SPS contractor for cost/schedule impact analysis prior to proceeding with SPS transitioning. While awaiting the final "official" decision regarding transitioning Alerts into SPS, we continue with this phase of the project and continue to incur costs on the current contract.

- Alerts Special Management Review (SMR) Briefing: The DCMC Alerts Program Manager provided briefings on 11 and 25 June to DCMC-AC Management in preparation for the SMR briefings in July to MG Malishenko and his staff.

- Customer Deployment:

  - On 30 June 98 the Defense Personnel Supply Center (DPSC) became the 16 Alerts Customer to come on-line.

  - OC-ALC (Tinker AFB) expanded their Alerts capabilities during June by adding several additional users. The system continues to gain popularity.

  - AMCOM's problems with Alerts connectivity have been resolved. AMCOM was running a higher version of SQLNet than is compatible with Alerts Version 2.1e. An Alerts DCMDE Team technical specialist visited AMCOM, and identified the problem and resolution. AMCOM has the lower version of SQLNet and will install this version on Alerts users' machines. No further problems are anticipated.

- DCMDW is also working through connectivity problems, believed to be SQLNet related, that have prevented SA-ALC (Kelly AFB) and HSC (Human Systems Center, Brooks AFB) from successfully using Alerts.

- DCMDW Operational Issues:

  - DCMC San Diego has an email problem associated with their NT email upgrade. While an inconvenience, the problem is not a showstopper. The users get the required email information via an attachment that must be opened.

  - DCMC Dallas continues to experience slow access to their archives and DCMC has requested that ManTech, through DSDC, review the problem. This problem appears to be caused by the volume of information on the network. The issue will be discussed further at the IPR in August.

- DCMDE Operational Issues: No operational issues for June

- DCMDI: No operational issues for June

- IPR: The Alerts IPR scheduled for July 98 was postponed due to a conflict with the July SMR briefings. The Alerts team will now meet in Columbus, OH 4-6 August 98.

- Web Page: The Alerts page was updated on 29 June 98 with the latest Buying Command Office Symbols listing.   Significant updates to the POC listing will appear in July.

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